

Summary

Claims 1-10 were pending. Claim 9 has been cancelled. No new matter is added as a result of this response.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-8 and 10 were allowed. Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Makino (GB 2,350,238). Applicant has cancelled Claim 9.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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